

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

January 2012

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.4 percent between December 2011 and January 2012 while the Canada All-items Index also advanced 0.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index both rose 0.4 percent during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the January All-items Index increased from December 2011 primarily due to higher prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, men's and women's clothing and water. Prices also rose for inter-city transportation, non-alcoholic beverages and traveller accommodations.

Moderating these increases were decreased prices for travel tours, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also declined for prescribed medicines, non-prescribed medicines, cablevision and satellite services (including pay per view television) and processed meat.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.3 percent between January 2011 and January 2012 while the Canada All-items Index increased 2.5 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.5 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The January All-items Index increased from January 2011 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, homeowners' replacement cost, mortgage interest cost and rent. Prices also rose for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, telephone services and water.

These increases were partially offset by price decreases for recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), home entertainment equipment, parts and services and the purchase and operation of recreational vehicles. Prices also declined for household textiles, prescribed medicines, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance and cigarettes.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>Jan. 2012</u>	<u>Dec. 2011</u> (2002 = 100)	<u>Dec. 2011</u> to <u>Jan. 2012</u>	<u>Jan. 2011</u> to <u>Jan. 2012</u>
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	122.9	122.4	0.4	2.3
Food	131.2	130.1	0.8	4.0
Shelter	145.9	145.5	0.3	2.2
Household Operations and Furnishings	106.1	106.1	0.0	2.2
Clothing and Footwear	95.8	92.3	3.8	3.1
Transportation	118.5	117.2	1.1	3.4
Health and Personal Care	113.6	114.3	-0.6	1.1
Recreation, Education and Reading	103.3	104.8	-1.4	0.0
Tobacco and Alcohol	143.5	143.2	0.2	1.1
All-Items Excluding Energy	121.2	120.7	0.4	2.4
Energy	138.8	138.6	0.1	1.8
CANADA				
All-Items	120.7	120.2	0.4	2.5
Food	130.2	129.3	0.7	4.2
Shelter	127.1	126.8	0.2	2.1
Household Operations and Furnishings	112.2	111.8	0.4	2.4
Clothing and Footwear	89.3	89.1	0.2	1.6
Transportation	127.4	125.2	1.8	3.7
Health and Personal Care	118.1	118.1	0.0	2.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	102.6	104.1	-1.4	-0.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	136.3	135.8	0.4	0.8
All-Items Excluding Energy	117.9	117.5	0.3	2.1
Energy	155.5	152.7	1.8	6.5
REGINA				
All-Items	123.5	123.0	0.4	2.5
SASKATOON				
All-Items	123.4	122.9	0.4	2.1

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Dec. 2011 to Jan. 2012</u>	<u>Jan. 2011 to Jan. 2012</u>
Canada	0.4	2.5
Newfoundland	0.5	2.9
Prince Edward Island	0.2	2.9
Nova Scotia	0.8	2.7
New Brunswick	0.5	3.2
Quebec	0.8	2.8
Ontario	0.2	2.4
Manitoba	0.3	2.0
Saskatchewan	0.4	2.3
Alberta	0.5	2.9
British Columbia	0.3	1.7
Whitehorse	0.0	2.5
Yellowknife	0.6	4.0
Iqaluit	0.0	1.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Dec. 2011</u> to <u>Jan. 2012</u>	<u>Jan. 2011</u> to <u>Jan. 2012</u>
St. John's	0.4	2.8
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.2	2.7
Halifax	0.7	2.4
Saint John	0.3	3.0
Quebec City	0.9	3.0
Montreal	0.8	2.7
Ottawa	0.2	2.3
Toronto	0.4	2.7
Thunder Bay	0.1	2.0
Winnipeg	0.3	2.0
Regina	0.4	2.5
Saskatoon	0.4	2.1
Edmonton	0.5	2.7
Calgary	0.4	2.8
Vancouver	0.2	1.8
Victoria	0.3	1.5
Whitehorse	0.0	2.5
Yellowknife	0.6	4.0
Iqaluit	0.0	1.5

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